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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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WEATHER Temperatures averaged slightly above normal, but with no very high readings. Rather cool weather prevailed during the middle of the week, but it was warm at the beginning and again at the close. Light to locally excessive showers and thunderstorms occurred during the first half of the week, but no rain of consequence fell during the latter half.

CROPS About 96% of the corn was planted by June 1, as compared with 76% a year ago this date and the 5-year average of 90%. Local heavy rains have necessitated some replanting. There was some complaint a week or two ago that the soil was too dry to sprout corn, but there is ample moisture now for germination.

Some of the winter wheat crop was damaged beyond recovery. Recent rains and cooler weather are favorable for filling of the grain. Some of the poorer wheat was used for pasture. Generally, condition is reported very good along the Nebraska-Colorado line from Chase county northward and the Panhandle. Some of the southern counties have fair to good prospects, while in others the outlook is poor. The rains did not come as early as they did a year ago.

The recent rains have improved the outlook for oats and barley. The outlook is better in northeastern Nebraska, the leading oats district. Some of the oats and barley fired and are being used for pasture.

About 46% of the sorghum crop had been planted by June 1, as compared with 19% completed by June 1 a year ago. With a few exceptions where rainfall was light, moisture is generally ample for germination of the seed.

Part of the alfalfa harvest has been completed in southern Nebraska. The rains came too late to help the crop, except in northern portions. Yields will be very light in southern Nebraska. The Panhandle reports a more favorable outlook. Local rains have improved the outlook for wild hay and pasture.

Conditions are favorable for sugar beets in western Nebraska. Part of the thinning has been completed. Conditions are quite favorable for planting of the late commercial potato crop, which is just starting.

About 35% of the counties are still reporting surface moisture short and over half of the counties are reporting a shortage of subsoil moisture. The rains have been very spotted, ranging from very light to heavy. The general outlook is more favorable and much more rain will be needed to restore the subsoil moisture.

LIVESTOCK There has been some further marketing of cattle in a few of the southwestern counties, due to the lack of pasture and feed. While recent rains have improved the outlook for pasture, much of it is still very short.

WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING JUNE 4, 1956

Eastern Division

Grand Island .82
Lincoln .82
Norfolk .70
Omaha .88
Sioux City .89

Central Division

Burwell 3.10
North Platte .05
Valentine .16

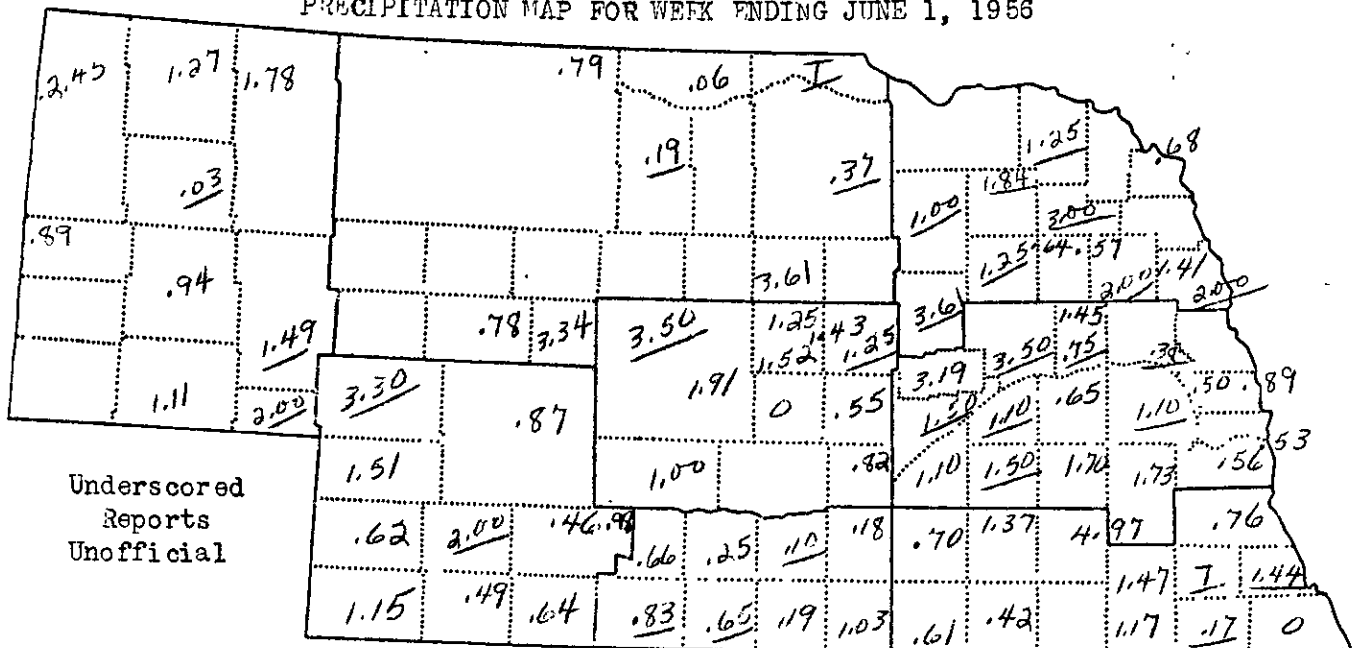
Western Division

Chadron .19
Imperial .01
Scottsbluff .26
Sidney .07

Precipitation, April 1 - June 1, 1956

	<u>Eastern Div.</u>	<u>Central Div.</u>	<u>Western Div.</u>
Total Past Week	1.10	1.25	1.05
Total Since April 1	3.67	3.29	3.10
Long-Time Average Since April 1	6.75	5.98	5.11

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING JUNE 1, 1956



HIGHEST AND LOWEST TEMPERATURES (Highs for 24 hours ending at 12:30 a.m., and lows for 12 hours ending at 6:30 a.m. CST)

		May 29th		30th		31st		June 1st		2nd		3rd		4th	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	70	53	70	51	72	54	67	44	85	64	87	52	86	59
	Scottsbluff	74	52	71	50	74	48	72	48	85	63	89	53	88	58
	Sidney	76	52	74	50	74	47	71	46	84	57	90	49	87	61
NC	Burwell	--	--	75	--	--	--	--	--	75	54	82	--	--	--
	Valentine	81	58	72	53	75	49	67	37	80	60	89	53	87	65
NE	Norfolk	89	61	83	63	80	48	67	39	70	50	77	58	84	60
	Sioux City	90	64	82	65	81	52	66	41	73	47	80	58	82	59
CEN	Grand Island	89	63	86	64	81	51	68	41	72	54	77	57	84	64
EC	Lincoln	90	65	80	66	82	54	69	45	73	52	76	60	86	64
	Omaha	91	72	81	61	80	49	66	41	68	47	80	58	80	58
SW	Imperial	81	59	80	58	81	49	71	45	83	59	91	52	88	62
	North Platte	83	59	75	54	79	50	71	41	78	58	89	52	85	66

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